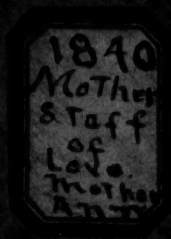

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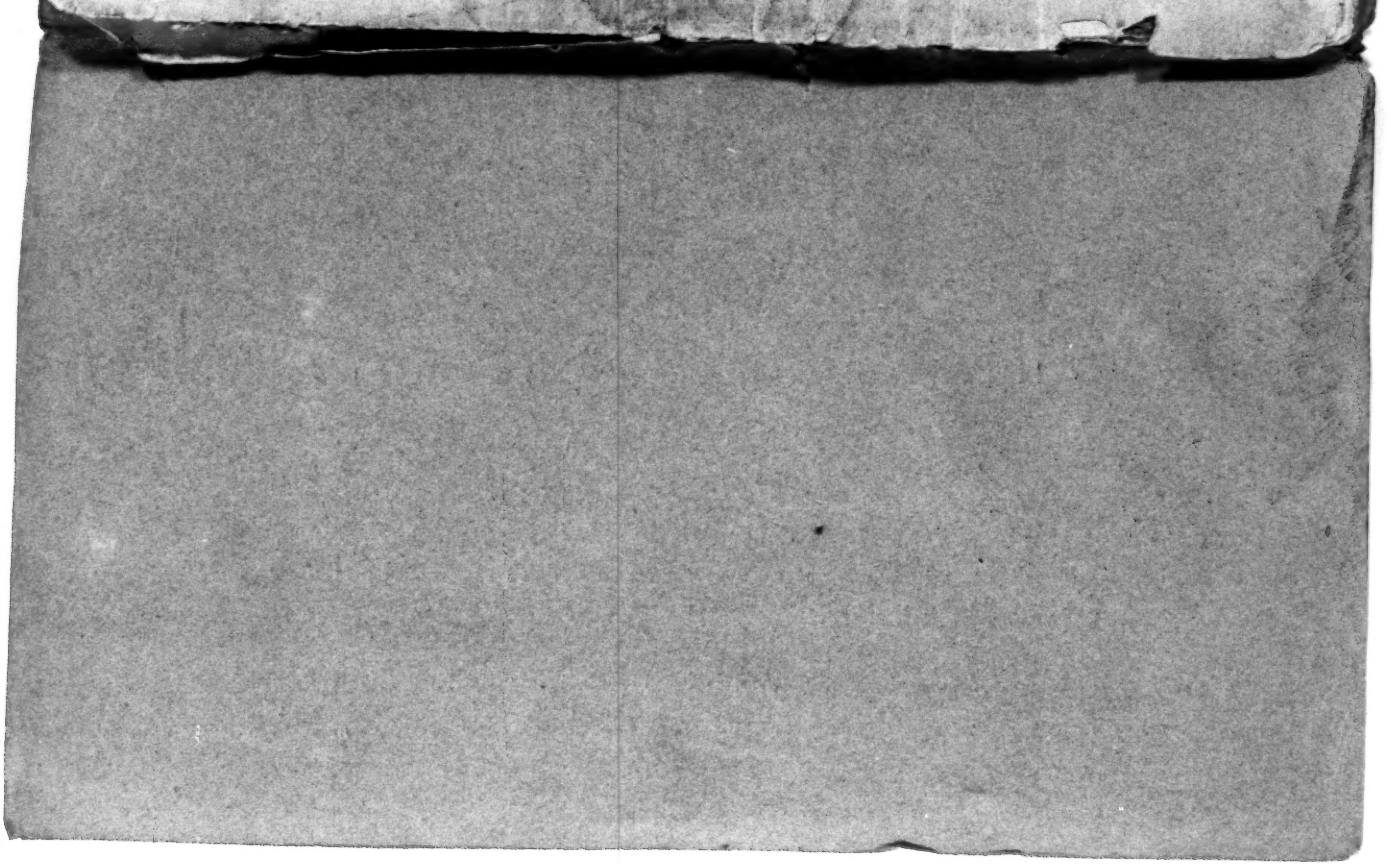

Mother Ann's Staff of Love & Remembrance To all her First-born Children upon Earth.

Written by Inspiration,

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The following is a communication made by Mother Ann; the fore part of which is addressed to the middle aged and rising generation; the latter part to all her first born children. Delivered by Inspiration, in the presence of both orders of the Chh when assembled at the meeting house on Sabbath afternoon the 18th. of October, & written by Inspiration on the 31st. of the same month. A.D. 1860.

Beloved Elders. Mother Ann & all the rest of our heavenly Parents are here. And Mother says, if the beloved Elders feel union, She has a few words to speak to all the middle aged & young. The Elders readily assented & the Speaker proceeded.

O that my Children (says Mother) could know & sense, in truth, the importance of all improving the day in which they live!

the importance of walking in the true fear of God, & possessing a heart filled with gratitude & thankfulness for every gift and blessing that God in his great condescension & loving kindness, has been pleased, through us, to bestow upon you, whom He hath called to be bright shining examples of purity & holiness to the Nations of the Earth.

Yea (says Mother) truly great, very great, is the responsibility that rests upon each & every one of you. — I do entreat you, my beloved children (says Mother) to be prudent & saving of the many, yea, very many precious gifts of God which we have conveyed to you, that a further & deeper planting of the gospel of Christ might be effected in your souls.

For I say unto you all that

the middle aged & rising generation, (says Mother) that for the use ye have made, I may here after make, even of the very least of these holy and sacred things, which we have given you, God will require a strict account, at your hands. Therefore, I say unto all, be ye saving & prudent, for the very least of these crumbs will yet become the most precious morsels in your mouths.

When days & years of heavy and deep tribulation roll on from every hand & side, & clouds of thick darkness hang over you; then would your hearts gladly bow in tears of gratitude & thankfulness to God, & to your Heavenly Parents, if ye could, but

obtain one of the least of these crumbs, as they are now given in this day wherein you all do now live. A day in which the spiritual avenues of communication, between those in time & those in eternity, have been opened through the loving kindness of God, your Heavenly Father, according to His own will & wisdom. A day in which the food of Angels is poured down from the windows of Heaven, in showers of great abundance upon you.

And all you who are wise, (says Mother,) will lay up stores of these precious gifts of God, now in a day of plenty; that ye may have wherewithal to clothe & feed yourselves, yea & to & to give to others, (as those before you

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have given to you) through the days &
years of mourning & deep tribulation,
which my first-born Children have been
passing. (Yea, Says Mother) They have
freely nourished & fed you, that you
might not faint & fall by the way.
And this they have done from that store
& substance of good which they received
at our hands, when we were upon earth,
says Mother; which day was unto them,
as this day is unto you my beloved
young brethren & sisters.
& day in which you are called to plant
your feet upon that immoveable foundation which God hath laid, & which
will never be overthrown. That ye may
stand unshaken through storms
of persecution, & days of great dark

ness & deep tribulation. As those before you have stood, so must ye in like manner stand, or ye can in no wise fulfill the order of your calling, says Mother. And those days must come upon you that your faith may be tried. And those that abide, shall be washed clean & pure in the furnace of tribulation.

For God will surely visit the earth & the inhabitants thereof, with a heavy hand of Judgment, for the awful abominations which they have committed thereon. And the power & spirit of the serpent will be aroused in rage & malice, to persecute the true worshippers of God.

But all such of you as wisely and faithfully improve the time & day which God has given you, to clothe

your souls with a garment of righteousness, shall safely dwell beneath His Almighty hand of protection, says Mother Ann.

Now, with your union, beloved Elders, (says Mother) I have words of truth, peace & consolation, to impart to all my first born children, that are yet remaining with you; & it is my desire that they would all draw near, that they may understand my words. (The aged brethren & sisters then came forward & stood in front of the meeting, & Mother proceeded.

Hearken unto my voice, O my dearly beloved Children! (says your blessed Mother Ann) At my face, while I was upon earth, did you receive (together with the rest of your cross-bearing companions who are now gathered home, to rest from their labors on earth,) a

sure & steadfast planting in the gospel of Christs
second coming; which you believed, (as I taught
you says Mother,) was without sin unto salva-
tion; leaving no room for the indulgence of
any part of a fallen, corrupt nature of the
flesh. I say (says Mother) you embraced it
with full purpose of heart, that this was
the requirement of God. And this you
was enabled to do, without doubting; be-
cause you believed in what you were taught
by those whom God had appointed and
anointed with power to open the door
of full Salvation to fallen man.
And often did I, with the rest of your
beloved Elders, (says Mother,) exhort &
encourage you to persevere on, and abide
faithful to the end of your days; for

for: the time would surely come
that this gospel would greatly increase
amongst the children of men; and
by your faithful & unwearying perse-
verance, to continue your travel in
the road which you had begun;
that the light thereof would be greatly
extended, & that the time would come
when the branches would flourish &
bend with precious fruit, that all
might know the root thereof was holy.

But you that embraced the gospel
when I first proclaimed it in this
land, (says Motha,) & are yet remain-
ing upon earth, have passed through
many dark & adverse scenes; yea
& in days & years of tribulation, have
you waded, almost despairing of

ever seeing this, my Gospel flourish
and bring forth fruit to Gods accept-
ance in those that were called after
we had left the Earth.

+ And in the days of this darkness,
in which the power of evil was busily
at work, blending & seeking to blend
his benighted influence with my pure
& holy gospel; bringing in the forms
and fashions of the Children of
this world, & with al partaking
of their spirit; opening the door
for ease & indulgence; & laboring
more to appear popular in the eyes
of the world, than to posess my gospel
in its purity, did your spirits, my
beloved first-born, mourn & weep
with me & I with you, says Mother

For in a great portion of those that came after you, did you with me, behold the true & genuine principles of this gospel held only as matters of secondary importance to them. And in these days did your souls, my dearly beloved, breathe forth in prayer to me, that I would gather you home from the scenes of time to dwell with me in Eternity, where your Spirits would no longer be grieved with those passing & soul-darkening scenes upon earth, which at times appear to be fast gaining influence among those that professed to be my Children.

But remember my

dearly beloved, I have mourned & wept with you; yea, & I have united your prayers with mine, in humble supplication to God our Heavenly Father, that He would open some door, whereby Zion should be purged from her sins, & that darkness which had gathered upon her.

And you that are now remaining upon the earth have beheld with your eyes, the door which God, through us hath opened; & you have supported it with the strength of your whole heart & soul, says Mother. And you have set a righteous & godly example in partaking of these my precious gifts, tho never so small, with

with hearts of gratitude & thankfulness, replenished with the fear of God. "And remember my beloved, that your strength and support with your godly example has been that help & comfort to us since the present work and manifestation began that tongue cannot relate.

Altho this present work was not needed so much on your account, as on the account of those who were middle aged & young, for whom it was mostly designed, that they might have an opportunity to gain that planting in their own souls (if they

would improve it, which you gained while we were upon earth, says Mother) And you have been patient to wade thro' tribulation, bearing with your spirits, & by your examples, against that body of darkness that was striving to overshadow the Zion of God upon earth. Yea says Mother & ye have fed the young of the flock (as many as would receive) with that same food & support with which we fed you when we were with you upon earth.

You have led them gently by the hand with comforting & cheering words of consolation, promising them, that if they would

be faithful & obedient, the time would surely come, that the rays of gospel light & purity would brighten & enlighten their path before them, giving them new courage to pursue the straight & narrow path, in this sin-destroying gospel, until they should reach the Kingdom of God, and gain the prize of salvation.

And now my dearly beloved, your eyes behold the fulfilment of your promises & the answer of your prayers; as it respects those of the middle-aged & rising generation, who have remained in obedience, according to your counsel;

for surely there is no good thing withheld from our Children on earth, says Mother, that will serve to encourage and strengthen them in the pure way of God.

And the blessing & strength of you, my dearly beloved first-born children, has been of unspeakable worth to those of the middle aged & rising generation, whether they are sensible of it or not. Therefore my beloved, be not over anxious to leave this world.

Tho your bodies may become feeble, yet, that substance of good which you have gained, imparts great strength, & affords much help

to those who are of that age & close upon whom the burden must shortly fall.

Yea, says Mother, all the the most part of my first-born have left all mortal things below, & are with me in Eternity; yet those few that are remaining upon earth, shall be comforted and supported at my hand. For I will never forsake you, my dearly beloved. For you that have borne the cross from the beginning, & have made my gospel the first object of your pursuit, You come the nighest to God & to me, says Mother. & ye are the peculiar objects of my

love, delight and pleasure.

Therefore, think not, my dear children, that you are forgotten by your blessed Mother, or by any that were with her on earth. And those few of you that are still remaining in an earthly tabernacle, are a great help, yea strength & comfort to us, your heavenly Parents, who are in eternity says Mother.)

Yea, my beloved, you will know that we have been doing a great work with those that are called to succeed you in the gospel on earth; and we have still more to do, that they may be prepared, and enabled to stand & abide, &

and pass thro' those days of tribulation which God hath purposed they shall surely pass through.

And you my beloved, have been workers together with us. from the beginning; & you still are a great help & comfort to us. and our everlasting blessing, love and thanks are justly due to you, says Mother, & these I give unto you to lean upon, in your advanced age. For I want, says Mother, if you feel as tho you could, that the most part of my first born who are upon Earth, should remain a little longer. Do you feel as tho you could? says Mother.

Do you feel as though you

could remain a little longer upon the earth & unite & travel with us in tribulation? for we are certainly passing thro deep tribulation, says Mother; and if you my beloved, with the rest of the Church, and all where ever this may go, will unite in prayer to God, & drink this cup with us, we will be exceeding thankful: for this will be a great comfort to us says Mother.

But this I will promise you, my dear children, that none of you shall be left upon earth to witness the days, in which shall be accomplished the greatness of

that tribulation, which God has purposed shall come in the days of those upon whom the burden must fall.

For you, my beloved, passed those scenes of deep tribulation, when you first believed my gospel: And God does not require, that you should again pass through them on earth. But you shall be gathered home to dwell with me, in a peaceable mansion of rest, which I have prepared for you my faithful & obedient children.

The time is surely fast approaching, says Mother, when those

days which I spake of, while on earth shall be accomplished. The eyes of thousands & thousands shall be turned towards Zion, and great multitudes shall flock thereto, some for good & some for evil. And great will be the bearing, distress & tribulation which they will unavoidably bring upon all my true children who are then upon earth.)

But God has purposed these sufferings for them, not for you, my dearly beloved. But you with us, must prepare & enable them to meet & go through these sufferings; that they may be rightful & true heirs to that sacred & holy inheritance which they are called to possess.

And the days will surely come, that nations & kingdoms will say, Who is safe on earth, save those that stand in the Zion of God, where sin does not dwell, & where blood is not shed?

Yea says Mother, these days are rolling swiftly on in Gods own time.

Now dearly beloved, receive my everlasting thanks, love and blessing; also the thanks love & blessing of all those that were companions with me in sufferings on earth. Not one of you, my dear children, have I forgotten, nay, I never shall; for you are precious jewels in your Father's house; & in your Mother's sight, objects of her delight

The middle aged & young, says Mother, (God does require, & we do require, that they should highly prize every day) that they are blessed with your presence on earth; for in no other way can they receive the blessing with which they must be clothed, in order to do the will of God.

So be of good cheer my dearly beloved, for I will never forsake you, nor leave you; for ye are spirit of my spirit; & that spirit unto me will shortly return. And whenever you read or hear this read, says Mother, if you will hold out both hands, & make a gentle

bows, my Angels of ~~to~~ Love shall stand before you, & put into your hands the love of all your Heavenly Parents, and take a portion, a good portion of Love right from your hearts, and bring unto me, says Mother. And sometimes I shall come & get it myself. I give you mine.

+ Therefore, receive this my Staff of Love, O my dearly beloved Children! & upon it you may lean while you are upon the Earth, & it shall never grow old, nor cease to yield you support & comfort. And whenever you feel a desire, you may invite all that have clean hands and pure hearts to partake with you.

I have long had this my Staff of Love in store for my first born upon earth, who have been faithful thro' tribulation, until the present day; but the time had not come for me to give it unto them, in full until now, tho I have briefly spoken of it to those in the Church only. But now, beloved Ministry & Elders, with your union I send it forth, wishing to have it put in the form of a small pamphlet, & given to the Elders of each family wherein there are any of my first born living; in that family & for them to see that it be read in their meetings twice a year, so long as there shall be any of my first born living in that family, who believed when they

saw any Jaw, or the faces of those that suffered with me in tribulation on earth.

It is my desire that this should go to all my first born, throughout Zion's habitations, as soon as it may be convenient, if the beloved Lead Jul union with this my staff of Love and Remembrance unto them: for I have prepared it with my own hand for them. And others may gain good from it, says Mother Ann.

So Jare ye well my dearly beloved; yet will I never forsake you; for they

that have never forsaken
me; God forbid that I, or any
that were my companions in
sufferings on earth, should
ever leave or forsake them.

The following Hymn was read
to a visionist by Thomas Pilate, (called
Pontius Pilate) & sent to the Elders of
the second order. Watervliet N.Y.

March 9. 1840

Thomas says this is the Hymn
that Christ sung to his disciples
after the feast of the passover; &
he thought it would please us
to hear it. He said in that day
they did not have hymns; &
also said, that after the apostles
all left this world, they asked
the Savior to sing that hymn
to them again, for they thot
so much of it. —

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Beloved disciples saith Jesus the Savior
Hearken while I address you in every respect,
Let all of your conduct & outward behavior
Be righteous, be holy & very correct.

2

For I've call'd you out while 10000 are bound
By sin & by darkness, by sorrow & woe,
I've given you true light, let it shine all around
That ye may be known where ever ye go

3

You know I have suffer'd & given up all,
That you with salvation from sin may be crown'd
Oh then hear ye my voice, & obey ye my call
And march on triumphant triumphant to sound

4

Now while I am with you, O give ear to my voice
Listen not to the flatterings of Satan nor sin

Make

Make the way of true light, now your only free choice
Then my Father's kingdom you'll certainly win.

5

Beloved disciples. I shall leave you below.
I go to my Father's pure mansion of peace:
And now you must be faithful, so that when I do go,
Then I will prepare you, endless increase

6

Don't let your hope fail you, when you see me no more
Tho I leave you it is but for a short time
And I'll meet you again on my Father's pure floor
In heavenly mansions & glory divine.

7

I sure will be with you but not as I now am
I never will leave you if you'll persevere
If you will keep holy & love like a lamb
I'll send holy Angels your spirits to cheer

O love one another as I've loved you

Be wise as the serpents be meek as the dove

Be humble, be lowly then I will assure you

That I'll meet you again in mansions of love

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